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**COUNCIL BRIEFS.**

**Torrance City Council**  
 January 18, 1955  
 Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Nicholas O. Drake. Councilmen present: Victor E. Benstead Jr., Willys G. Blount, Albert Isen, Mervin M. Schwab, and Mayor Drake. Others present: City Manager George Stevens, City Attorney James Hall, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop, Fire Chief J. J. Benner, Police Chief Willard

Haslam, Planning Commission Secretary George Powell.  
 Pledge of Allegiance led by Marc Wright, Rev. John Taylor of the First Methodist Church offered the Invocation. Minutes of Jan. 11 meeting of the City Council approved.

Ivar O. Hanson, vice-president and general manager of the Rancho Palos Verdes Corp., and general manager of Palos Verdes Properties, presented an extensive exhibit of development plans for the 6800 acres south of Torrance proposed for annexation. Hanson used several large maps and displays of the area in his presentation, and made available a portfolio which contained charts on building schedules, potential tax revenues, costs which the city and school officials would foresee, and other information.

Communication from Attorney Arnold Cowan presenting a claim for damages against the city as the result of an oil spill which allegedly damaged the property of a client, denied and referred to the city's legal department.

Letter addressed to Chief of Police Haslam requesting that traffic on Palos Verdes Blvd. be slowed down read and referred to the traffic commission for study and recommendation.

Letter from Water Superintendent Angus McVicar requesting authorization to advertise for bids for materials to install a new main to serve the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co. plant on Hawthorne Ave. approved.

Request of L. E. Jenkins, district manager of the Southern California Edison Co., for certain agreements on transfer of easements in north Torrance set aside for one week to allow City Manager Stevens and Jenkins to meet to discuss the matter.

City Manager Stevens reported that petitions for a traffic control signal which the city had forwarded to the Board of Education had been returned to his desk without comment. Council approved installation of signals at 187th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. to serve persons using the crosswalk at the Crenshaw Elementary

School. Letter from Mrs. Ruby Faubus, safety chairman for the school, read.  
 Letter from Gene Voorhees, secretary pro tem, Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn., read. (See "Mailbox" for Jan. 18, 1955).

Letter from Mrs. Charles Peebles protesting embankment adjacent to Ellinwood housing tract read. ("Mailbox," Jan. 13).

City of Hermosa Beach resolution endorsing establishment of a YMCA in the South Bay area received and filed. Residents referred to Board of Education on problem.

Letter from Mrs. Selmer Lund, of 2040 W. 237th St., protesting any annexations at this time read and filed.

Letter from Nativily School Mothers Club expressing appreciation for use of Civic Auditorium for annual school Christmas program received and filed.

Letter from Girls Athletic Association, Torrance High School, requesting use of Civic Auditorium for installation banquet Wednesday, Jan. 26, approved.

Letter from Police Sgt. G. S. Evans proposing a plan for maintenance and care of city's parking meters referred to City Manager for study and his recommendation.

Request of El Rancho Palos Verdes Corp. for extension of lease arrangement with city on airport property referred to City Manager for his recommendation.

Petition of residents on Andree Ave. to remove trees and replace with new ones received. Council voted to remove the trees at city expense with the provision that the property owners replace suitable trees.

Request of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, to make field surveys and soil investigation tests on easterly portion

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of Torrance Municipal Airport approved and referred to City Attorney.  
 Communication of Torrance Educational Advisory Committee stating the group had adopted a motion to request more information on the proposed annexation of 6800 acres to Torrance he made available read and filed.

Letters from County Regional Planning Commission showing proposed changes in Master Plan of Highways with regard to Greenleaf Ave. and Inglewood Blvd. referred to City Manager for study and a recommendation at the next meeting of the Council.

Recommendation of City Manager that Howard S. Martin be paid \$600 for Civic Center site assessment report approved.

Recommendation of City Manager that Oswald Brothers Co. be paid \$12,371.50 for improvement of Crenshaw Blvd. south of Dalemead St. approved.

Recommendation of City Manager that George Greene be paid \$4,665.16 per month from Jan. 1, 1955 to June 30, 1955 for the collection of garbage and non-combustible refuse approved. (Continued on Page 2)

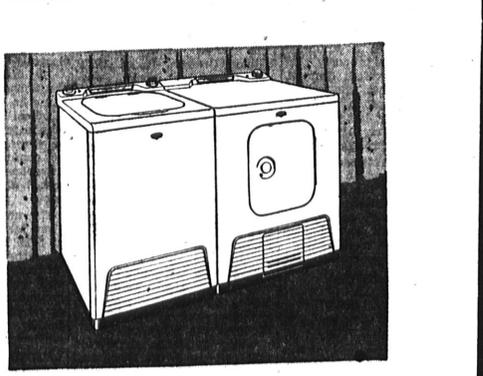
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